

Washington, DC -- Today, U.S. Representative Michael A. Arcuri (D-Utica) announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has awarded Oneida County \$95,000 to provide safety enhancements to a runway on Griffiss Airfield in Rome, NY through the federal Airport Improvement Program (AIP).

“Griffiss Airfield is a critical economic engine for the Mohawk Valley, and I am very pleased to help provide the necessary funds to maintain a high level of safety and service,” said Arcuri, a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee which is responsible for authorizing funds through the FAA. “These funds will improve a runway at Griffiss helping to provide more opportunities for economic development. Rest assured I will continue to support development efforts at the Griffiss Airfield.”

Funds will be used to perform an obstruction study of Runway 15 at the Griffiss Airfield. The obstruction study and subsequent removal of identified obstructions will enhance safety for aircraft using the runway, which is equipped with an instrument landing system.

Air operations for Oneida County were consolidated at Griffiss following a \$17 million commitment from the federal government. This additional funding will continue to improve the quality of services and scope of operations at Griffiss.

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